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SUBJECT: GENERAL AHDAB'S VISIT TO JORDAN

1. DURING WAIT AT KING'S DIWAN JANUARY 10 FOR MEETING WITH HIM, I WAS USHERED INTO SIDE ROOM OCCUPIED BY NUMBER OF OTHER CALLERS ON KING. LEBANESE MILITARY ATTACHE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE ME TO GENERAL AHDAB OF MARCH 11 "COUP" FAME.

2. GENERAL AHDAB HAD LITTLE TO SAY BUT DID VOLUNTEER THAT HE WAS ON HIS WAY BACK TO BEIRUT AFTER TRIP TO PARIS TO SEE ONE OF HIS CHILDREN IN SCHOOL THERE. DURING THE COURSE OF CONVERSATION HE MENTIONED THAT AT A MINIMUM LEBANESE WOULD REQUIRE TWO TO THREE YEARS TO BUILD ITS MILITARY. THE PRINCIPAL NEED WAS FOR A COMMITTEE OF SENIOR OFFICERS WITH VIEWS NOT TOO FAR TO LEFT NOR TO THE RIGHT AND REPRESENTING MAJOR COMMUNITIES TO REVIEW THE FILES OF ALL OFFICERS, NON-COMS AND EVEN THE TROOPS. THE TASK WOULD BE TO SELECT OUT THOSE WHOSE LOYALTIES COULD NOT BE DEPENDED UPON. THOSE WHO HAD BEEN SUBJECT TO UNUSUAL PRESSURES DURING RECENT CONFLICT COULD PROBABLY BE PERMITTED TO STAY IN THE MILITARY. A NEW
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FORCE WOULD BE BUILT FROM AMONG THOSE SELECTED. THE GENERAL SAID THAT 10,000 GOOD MEN COULD DO THE JOB AND PERHAPS EVEN FEWER MIGHT SUCCEED.

3. NOTICING A PICTURE OF A JORDANIAN WOMAN SOLDIER IN THE ROOM, HE SAID ALSO THAT LEBANESE SHOULD TAKE THE PLUNGE AND EMPLOY SOME WOMEN IN THEIR NEW FORCE.

4. THE GENERAL ROUNDLY CRITICIZED THE USE OF THE
LEBANESE ARMY PIECEMEAL TO SUPPORT INTERNAL SECURITY
FORCES OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS, COMPLAINING THAT IT
WAS BROKEN UP AND INEFFECTIVE. HE SAID SECURITY
FORCES HAD NO COMMAND OR CONTROL MECHANISMS THEMSELVES
TO OPERATE AS ANY KIND OF MILITARY FORCE.

5. AS THE GENERAL LEFT ME TO SEE THE KING, HE
SAID HE WAS STILL ANXIOUS TO SERVE LEBANON ALTHOUGH HE
HAS NOW LEFT ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE.
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